

## Powerful Beirut bomb defused

BEIRUT, Aug. 8 (AP) — A powerful booby-trap bomb was discovered and defused in a car parked at a crowded square in the Christian east Beirut today, the "Voice of Lebanon" radio station reported. The broadcast said the car was rigged with 50 kilograms of high explosives that would have caused a "tragic disaster" if they went off. A booby-trapped car exploded in the same area yesterday, killing a 60-year-old man and injuring 30 pedestrians. A similar blast also in the same square killed two women and injured 13 on July 30. Mr. Bashir Jemayel, military commander of the Falangists, indirectly accused Palestinians of masterminding the car bombing. Mr. Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation denied the charge and blamed the blasts on "Israeli agents." A PLO statement said several booby-trapped cars were discovered in the last 30 days in west Beirut, which is jointly controlled by Palestinians and their Lebanese leftist Muslim civil war allies.

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## 22 Iranians held in Vatican protest

VATICAN CITY, Aug. 8 (AP)—Italian police said today that they arrested 22 Iranians who staged a demonstration in St. Peter's Square to display support for Iranians held in jail in the United States earlier this week. Vatican security forces carried away 10 of the protesters who clung to the gates of St. Peter's Basilica and asked Pope John Paul II to aid their cause. The Iranians were charged with perjury, police said. Police sources said all 22 gave the same name when asked to identify themselves. They were placed in Regina Coeli Prison near the Vatican. The demonstrators chanted slogans and unfurled banners in the plaza in front of the largest church in Christendom.

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# Did Begin hinder probe of bomb attacks on mayors?

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8 (AP) — Israel's 10-week-old investigation of assassination attempts on three Palestinian mayors was mired in controversy

today following an American newspaper report alleging that Prime Minister Menachem Begin had hindered the probe.

## U.S. paper says yes; Israel calls it 'all a lie'

Mr. Begin's office issued scathing denials of the Washington Star's story, and the director of the Internal Security Service kept a long-standing silence to press interviews saying the story was "all a lie."

But two Knesset deputies — Mr. Yehoshua Garti of Mr. Begin's bloc and Mr. Shulamit Aloni of the opposition Citizens' Movement — called for parliamentary investigations. Mr. Garti also demanded an inquiry into who was the source of the story.

And Mrs. Felicia Langer, attorney for Nabius Mayor Bassam Shak'a, refuted her allegation that Mr. Shak'a and his family had been questioned about the bombing that tore off both the mayor's legs, and that some evidence had been obliterated.

"Mayor Shak'a concludes that responsibility for the attack falls on the army," Mrs. Langer told the Associated Press. Mrs. Langer, an Israeli communist who often defends Palestinian guerrillas and political figures, said she had sent Mr. Begin a letter two days earlier — before the Washington Star story was published — to demand information about the progress of the investigation.

Mr. Shak'a was wounded June 2 at the same time that Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf lost his left foot in a separate car-bombing, and Al Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawil was the target of a booby-trap that instead blinded an Israeli policeman searching for a bomb at Mr. Tawil's garage.

The three mayors had led anti-Israeli agitation in the occupied West Bank, and most suspicion for

the bombings was directed at extremists among Jewish settlers seeking revenge for the six settlers slain in Hebron a month earlier.

The Washington Star's correspondent David Hovey, in a story published Thursday, alleged that Mr. Begin had refused to give the Internal Security Service — known by its Hebrew initials Shin Beth — a free hand in the probe, and that the Shin Beth director had resigned in protest.

The director, whose name can't be published under Israeli law, said he had asked Mr. Begin before the bombings to relieve him of the post in which he had served for six years. Mr. Begin's office said the prime minister already had chosen a successor who will take the job at the end of the year.

"We are making every possible

effort to make progress and come up with results, and this is without doubt by direct order of the prime minister," the Shin Beth director said in an Israeli Radio interview.

Asked why his men had not interrogated Mr. Shak'a, the security chief said he did not think it necessary. A statement from Mr. Begin's office said: "Since evil people began spreading lies, there never has been such a base lie as that published by the Washington Star." It also said: "There never was a more intensive investigation conducted."

There has been no indication of progress in the investigation, and the ambush murder of the settlers in Hebron also remains unsolved. The Shin Beth director claimed an 85 per cent success rate in solving Palestinian commando cases,

but he indicated the attacks on the mayors had been different from Palestinian attacks that can be solved because the commandos keep on working thereafter.

"If this is a one-time act, or if they went deep underground and guarded their silence, it is very difficult to find out who they are," the director said. "I don't say they won't be found. It is very likely to take a long time."

The director wouldn't say whether the inquiry had focused on Jews or Arabs. He said Israel knew the Arabs and their motivations but "I don't find a good reason why Jews would carry out an act like this."

Israeli officials have said that Arab bombers with obscure political motives could have wanted to kill the mayors. The Washington Star story



Ibrahim Tawil



Bassam Shak'a



Karim Khalaf

claimed that the Shin Beth director suspected six members of the extremist Gush Emunim settlement movement who served in the elite army commando unit. He wanted to infiltrate the West Bank settlement where two of them

lived, according to the Star, but Mr. Begin refused permission. Asked if he had experienced interference from above, the Shin Beth director responded: "No, God forbid, never."

He said he had broken the rule against giving on-the-record interviews because he was angry that the Shin Beth was being used to attack Israel's political leadership.

## Jordan joins in Arab sanctions call

### Saudis warn of war unless U.N. censures Israel

AMMAN, Aug. 8 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia said today that failure by the United Nations Security Council to take strong action on the Jerusalem issue could lead to war.

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A commentary on Riyadh radio also urged the United States not to veto any council resolution on the disputed city. The council is expected to consider next week to consider a decision to proceed to "Jerusalem," including the "united Arab eastern sector, the divided capital" of the Zionist state.

The 40-nation Islamic Conference Organisation has already listed for sanctions to be imposed on Israel. The Saudi commentary said that resolutions could lead to a "crash" in the U.S. could ease a situation, it said, if it did not pass a death sentence on any resolution which served the cause of peace and which discouraged all from carrying on with its venturing.

It added: "The U.S. can demonstrate to the world that its concern for Israel's existence does not mean it approves the destruction of other states, the extermination of innocent people and the forcing of the rights of the Arab Jews."

Meanwhile, Arab resistance to Israel's moves on Jerusalem gained strength following talks in Amman between King Hussein and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The two leaders agreed that their countries would "cooperate with any country which supported Israel's attempt to annex Arab East Jerusalem."

After President Saddam Hussein briefed his Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, by telephone about the outcome of the talks, Jordan became one of eight Arab states joining Iraq and Saudi Arabia in pledging to break

ties with any country recognising the Israeli moves.

Prince Hassan stressed the importance of further enhancing Arab solidarity in the face of Israel's measures, and of strengthening the steadfastness of the people in the occupied Arab territories. The Jordan News Agency reported. He also lauded Iraq's stand in support of Palestinian rights.

The other seven countries pledging to adhere to the Iraqi-Saudi stand are Kuwait, Bahrain, the UAE, Qatar, North Yemen, Algeria and Mauritania. The Iraqi News Agency said the eight countries had pledged to take a unified stand in the face of "Israel's conspiracies and expansionist ambitions."

At the U.N. today, Western members of the Security Council conferred with a leading Islamic member about the forthcoming debate on the Jerusalem question, but without reaching any conclusion, official sources said.

However, plans for a fresh council debate appear to have been postponed until next week. A U.S. mission source said today that no instructions had been received on the action Ambassador Donald McHenry should take during the new round of debate.

The source recalled that President Carter had spoken out against any change in the status of Jerusalem that might hinder peace efforts. The U.S. is still expected to veto sanctions.



Mr. Gaston Thorn (centre) arrives in Amman Thursday. At his side are Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasbi (striped tie) and ambassadors to Jordan from EEC countries.

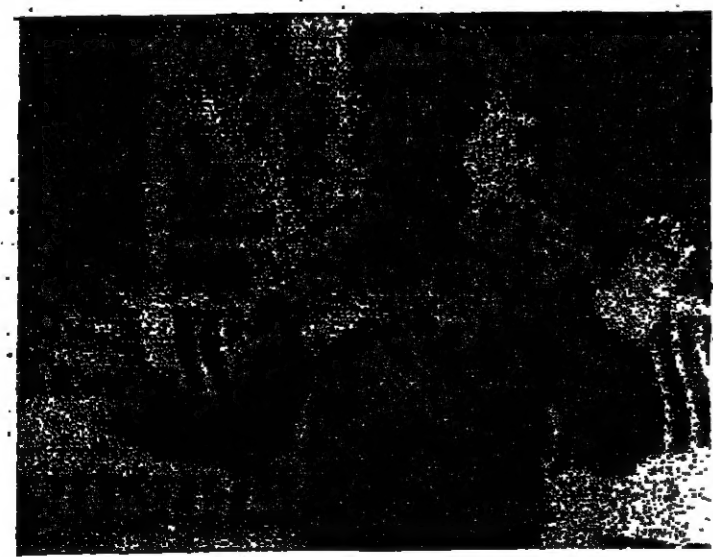
## Thorn arrives in Jordan

AMMAN, Aug. 8 (AP)—EEC Council President Gaston Thorn is to begin official talks Saturday with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Qasbi Al Rimawi as Mr. Thorn continues his Middle East fact-finding tour.

He arrived in Amman Thursday from Syria, where his mission received a frosty reception from officials in Damascus. Mr. Thorn, Luxembourg's foreign minister and current chairman of the European Economic Community's Council of Ministers, previously had visited Tunisia, Israel and Lebanon.

He is to meet Sunday with His Majesty King Hussein after King Hussein's return from his European tour. Mr. Thorn's itinerary also includes a sight-seeing tour of Petra and an inspection of the 1967 Jordanian-Israeli ceasefire line in the Jordan Valley.

## Zimbabwe official, 6 guards held in killing



Edgar Tekere: denied bail on murder charge

SALISBURY, Aug. 8 (R) — Six bodyguards of Mr. Edgar Tekere, a leading member of the Zimbabwe government, alleged to have murdered a white farmer, appeared in court today and were charged with taking part in the killing.

Some of the six were dressed in olive green battle dress and peaked caps when they arrived at the magistrate's court handcuffed to police.

They were not asked to plead to the charge that they were "part of an armed group who launched an attack on Stamford farm that resulted in the death of a Mr. Adams."

Mr. Gerald Adams, 68, was found at the farm, just south of Salisbury, last Monday shot through the back and crouched over a radio.

Mr. Tekere, manpower minister and hardline No. 3 member of Mr. Mugabe's ZANU-PF Party, was charged with the murder two days ago. He applied to the high court for bail last night but the request was turned down. He did not appear in the magistrate's court today.

One of the accused, Mr. Soyli Gomo, 24, alleged in court that police had assaulted and stamped on him when he was arrested last Wednesday. He was sent for medical examination.

"They (the police) tripped me. They were white policemen. I fell down and they assaulted me and stamped on me and broke my glasses," he said.

A number of accused involved in the case were still at large, the prosecution said.

## 22 sentenced to death for 1978 Turkish riots

ADANA, Turkey, Aug. 8 (R) — A military court today condemned to death 22 residents of one small town in southern Turkey for their part in political and sectarian riots there in

December, 1978. The tribunal handed down 14 other death sentences on citizens of Kahramanmaraş but commuted them to life imprisonment or 20-year terms.

Some 350 additional residents of the town were given jail sentences, averaging six years.

About 400 other people charged in connection with the three days of riots were acquitted. There are several possibilities of appeal against the death sentences. The final decision lies with Parliament.

The defendants have faced almost daily hearings in Adana, near Kahramanmaraş, since the riots began on June 4, 1979.

Military prosecutors had sought the death penalty for 267 people. The last execution in Turkey was carried out in 1972.

Those sentenced today included shopkeepers, workers, students, housewives and a few Muslim clergymen.

For the dozen women defendants the maximum sentence was five years' imprisonment.

Several hundred troops ringed the scene of the trial, a stifling hot arena, as a naval lieutenant-commander read out the sentences. Thousands of other soldiers sealed off nearby areas of Adana.

The riots in Kahramanmaraş, about 120 kilometres from the Syrian border, broke out when a cinema was bombed while showing a left-wing film.

The violence, in which 111 people were killed, involved leftists and rightists as well as clashes between Sunni and Alevi Muslims.

Martial law was immediately declared in major cities and provinces of Turkey and is still in force in half the country.

Some 3,500 people have died in political and sectarian violence since the Kahramanmaraş riots.

The trial in Adana was regarded as an indication of the military's determination to halt the violence.

The indictment accused a small group of right-wing extremists of the initial cinema bombing.

## Ethiopia repels Somali assault

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 8 (R) — Ethiopia today published pictures of arms and prisoners it said it captured repelling an abortive invasion by Somalia.

The photographs in the official Ethiopian Herald showed tanks, armoured personnel carriers and jeeps mounted with 105 mm cannon. Also shown were bags of dried milk marked "Furnished by the people of the United States."

Ethiopia said yesterday its army and air force beat back a four-pronged assault by 14,000 Somali soldiers in the Ogaden region, close to the border with Somalia. In heavy fighting between July 27 and July 17, 1,326 Somali troops were killed, over 2,000 wounded, and 48 captured, Ethiopia said.

Diplomats here said they had independent reports of fighting in the ethnically Somali Ogaden and put the number of Somali troops involved at several thousand.

Foreign Minister Feleke Gedle Giorgis today denounced what he called unprovoked to his country's patience.

Colonel Feleke said western

arms had been supplied to Somalia through other countries, such as Pakistan.

This clearly indicates that all these countries were well aware of the latest ill-fated aggression," he said.

He said the fighting had destroyed settlements, projects for human development, as well as schools, clinics, bridges, farms and wells.

Ethiopia, with Soviet and Cuban help, defeated Somalia in an eight-month war over the Ogaden in 1977 and 1978. Somali guerrillas have continued the fight but Somalia denies its regular troops are involved.

An Organisation of African Unity (OAU) official office spokesman said he would be leaving for Addis Ababa to meet the Ethiopian government.

The committee, comprising representatives of Egypt, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan and Tanzania, was set up in 1973 to look into the Ogaden issue.

OAU Acting Secretary-General Peter Oni said today the committee and representatives from Ethiopia and Somalia would initially meet at ministerial level.

He said if there was progress, a summit would be convened. Such a meeting was unlikely to take place before November, he said.

## 2 sentenced to flogging

### Surprise Saudi move frees British couple

LONDON, Aug. 8 (AP)—A British surgeon and his wife sentenced to public floggings in Saudi Arabia were safely back at home today after a surprise decision by Saudi authorities to let them go, the Foreign Office announced. Dr. Richard Arnot, 36, and his wife Penelope, 32, were arrested in May 1979 after a party at their home at a Jeddah apartment block in which two guests died.

Dr. Arnot served five months of a year-long jail sentence and was flogged 30 strokes of the cane for drinking alcohol, while Mrs. Arnot was sentenced to 80 strokes after being found guilty of breaking Saudi laws by serving alcohol at the party and of giving contradictory statements to the Saudi Court.

The couple were on bail when suddenly told yesterday they could leave Saudi Arabia, the Foreign Office said. They were planning a reunion with their children today.

The gesture was seen as a means of helping to smooth over ruffled relations between the two countries following the broadcast on British television in April of the controversial television film *Death of a Princess*.

Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington is due to visit Saudi Arabia after this month following agreement by the two governments to restore full diplomatic relations. The Saudis asked British Ambassador James Craig to leave following the screening of *Death of a Princess*, which concerned the execution of a Saudi princess for adultery.

PARIS, Aug. 8 (R) — Exiled former Iranian Prime Minister Dr. Shapour Bakhtiar today announced the formation of a national resistance movement and called on all Iranians to help overthrow the Islamic republic. In a statement issued from his Paris headquarters, Dr. Bakhtiar said Iran's civilisation "is being trampled upon by a clique of ignorant pseudo-clerics who are as alien to Iran as they are power-hungry and incompetent." Bakhtiar said the statement had already been broadcast to Iran from a clandestine radio transmitter in the Middle East. Dr. Bakhtiar, who had long been in opposition to the Shah, was named prime minister early last year just before the Islamic revolution swept away the monarchy. He was the target of an abortive assassination attempt at his home outside Paris on July 18.

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8 (R) — Israeli security forces today blew up a house they said belonged to a Palestinian guerrilla in the occupied Gaza Strip, military sources said. The house, in the village of Beit Lahia, belonged to Mr. Ayosef Daways, who was arrested a few weeks ago and charged with placing a bomb on a bus in Tel Aviv last month. The bomb was discovered and dismantled. Mr. Daways is also suspected of placing a bomb in a grocery shop in Páides Katz which exploded and injured two people, the sources said. He has not yet been brought to trial. The sources said it had been decided to blow up his house as a warning to others.

ROME, Aug. 8 (AP) — The teachers of the Roman Catholic Salesian order in Iran are no longer under house arrest and are expected to be able to resume their work shortly, according to a spokesman for the religious order. The Rev. Ettore Segneri said yesterday he learned this from a telephone conversation with

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Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, who is in Tehran after bringing a message from Pope John Paul II for Iranian authorities. The pontiff had expressed the hope that Iran would improve its relations with the church. The Salesians had said July 17 that Iranian authorities had closed the order's school in Tehran and put its 12 teachers under house arrest. Rev. Segneri quoted Monsignor Capucci as saying the order closing the school would be lifted Saturday. A total of 1,800 students, including 1,600 Iranian Muslims were attending the order's Andisheh School.

ALGIERS, Aug. 8 (AP) — Guerrillas fighting for the independence of the former Spanish Sahara claim to have shot down a Moroccan Mirage F1 fighter-bomber in the disputed area last week. The pilot was killed in the attack, they said in a recent communiqué issued at their Algiers headquarters. The guerrillas have so far claimed the destruction of five French-made Mirage F1's in their war to wrest the Western Sahara from Moroccan hands.

DAMASCUS, Aug. 8 (AP) — Representatives of the anti-Israeli Steadfastness and Confrontation Front, who agreed to form a Syrian-based military force last April, have concluded their second round of secret meetings here. After two days of talks this week, a senior member of one delegation said: "The results will remain a military secret." Representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Syria, the Libyan Jamahiriyyah, Algeria and South

Yemen also met here in May. The meetings were attended by Syrian Defence Minister Gen. Mustafa Tlass, South Yemeni Defence Minister Ali Antar, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and unidentified representatives of Libya and Algeria.

BEIRUT, Aug. 8 (AP) — The Middle East Council of Churches has denounced the Israeli annexation of occupied Jerusalem. Mr. Gabriel Habib, secretary general of the council, in a statement issued in Beirut yesterday, said the council "categorically denounces this decision placing unified Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty." The Israeli Knesset's declaration late last month was described as "jeopardising regional and world peace." The members of the council, which include leading Eastern Orthodox and Evangelical churches in the area, were called upon to use their influence in restoring justice and peace to Jerusalem.

DOHA, Aug. 8 (R) — Qatar and Thailand have decided to exchange diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement here yesterday.

PARIS, Aug. 8 (AP) — Three Corsican nationalists have been arrested in southern France in connection with a machinegun attack May 14 on the Iranian embassy in Paris, according to police. Four policemen from the special squad that guards the embassy were injured in the attack, two of them seriously. According to police one of the men arrested, Mr. Jeanick Leonelli, admitted taking part and identified two of his companions who were later picked up. Police said they arrested Mr. Leonelli in Tarascon, 60 kilometres northwest of Marseille. The other two men were arrested in the Marseille area.



## Not surprising

THE PRIZE for the day's least surprising news goes to the story that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin is suspected of trying to impede the investigation into the car-bomb attacks which maimed two West Bank mayors last June 2.

But the fact that this news doesn't come as a surprise does not mean that it doesn't come as a shock nevertheless. The supposed "investigation" into the attacks has been a tragic farce from the beginning. No sooner had the dust cleared than senior Israeli officials were assuring anyone who would listen that the bombers were most likely — for reasons comprehensible only to the Israeli official mind — to have been Arabs themselves. But it was when the police supposedly began making "inquiries" that such contemptible official utterances began to pale. The investigation to date has been desultory at best. Key eyewitnesses, including the families of the mayors, were not questioned. Nor, indeed, were the mayors themselves. Evidence was tampered with.

Now comes the report that the head of Shin Beth, the Israeli secret service, had resigned because the Begin government was trying to block the investigation. This shadowy and nameless figure has denied the reports. But there is more than just a whiff of Watergate in the haste with which he and the government are broadcasting their indignant denials.

If it seems inconceivable that the Israeli secret service, more than two months after the event, has not been able to come up with a lead on who the bombers were, one must only look at the present realities of life in the Zionist state. The fanatical Gush Emunim settlers and the Kach terrorists have placed themselves not just above the law but in possession of the whip hand in Israeli politics. Begin plays to their gallery with every political move he takes — most recently in the case of the Jerusalem law and the plans to move his office to Arab East Jerusalem. Government ministers today cheer their blessings on the settlement policies and activities of the extremists.

Mr. Begin will have to ask himself if he is foolish enough to allow his encouragement of these passions to extend to the obstruction of justice. There is nothing about either his past or his present personality to suggest that he is not capable of carrying his own extremism to such new depths.

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AL RA'Y: Israel's move to swallow up Arab Jerusalem has caused a flurry of diplomatic activity on the Arab and international levels.

In Saudi Arabia, a meeting between King Khalid and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has resulted in agreement on cutting diplomatic and economic ties with any nation that supports Israel's measures. In Amman, talks have opened between EEC Minister Council President Gaston Thorn and Jordanian government officials on the issue and on the resumption of the Euro-Arab dialogue. In New York, the U.N. Security Council was scheduled Friday to start a debate on Israel's measures concerning Jerusalem at the request of the Arab and Islamic group, despite a looming U.S. veto which threatens to abort any resolution calling for imposing sanctions on Israel.

The international community, and particularly the Western European nations, have a major responsibility to check Israel's aggression and rescue the Middle East from real dangers. Europe, the strategic ally of the U.S., should realise the importance of the time factor in the region, and that the Jerusalem issue leaves no room for manoeuvring because peace is more important than the U.S. presidential election and all related considerations.

Pointing out Europe's responsibility in this matter by no means absolves the Arab and Islamic nations from the prime responsibility of defending Jerusalem. The Iraqi-Saudi Arabian warning about cutting diplomatic and economic ties with nations which support Israel's measures should be followed up by other constructive steps including, among other things, the reorganisation of Arab and Islamic self-defence to gear them towards a confrontation with the enemy.

The Jerusalem issue places the Arab and Muslim nations face-to-face with their destiny and threatens their very existence. It is also a decisive choice for the international community in general and Western Europe in particular — to opt for working towards real peace in the Middle East and thus guarantee all parties' legitimate interests, or to allow Israel to pursue its evil policies, which will ultimately lead to disaster for all.

AL-DUSTOUR: The Arab League's decision to cut diplomatic and economic ties with any nation that might support Israel's measures in occupied Jerusalem was considered as the first positive and effective step in the direction of settling the Palestine problem.

It is of the utmost importance to take at the highest level and proceed to the implementation of the Arab League and United Nations resolutions which warn against Israel's illegitimate measures.

The decision announced by Iraq and Saudi Arabia, and promptly supported by eight other Arab states, is probably the first significant one taken in response to the Camp David agreements and an unprecedented step that the Arab Nation will from now on rely on itself in handling its problems.

The U.S. is obviously unable to implement its resolutions because of the U.S. veto; the U.S. seems determined to continue its support of Israel's policies and the Camp David agreements which have done nothing to bring peace; the European nations seem undecided about whether to support justice or succumb to Zionist and American pressures. Above all, Israel persists with its obduracy and continues to flout U.N. resolutions.

The Arab decision comes in reaction to this situation. The Arabs are no longer satisfied with vague, hypocritical and occasional statements and are now demanding that the U.S. define its attitude clearly — either to support right and justice or else face Arab sanctions.

The Arab countries' initial and favourable response to the joint Saudi-Iraqi decision should be followed up by a wider support and joint action on the part of the Arab and Islamic Nations, which should pool all their resources to achieve the goals they aspire to.



## In memoriam

AMMAN, Aug. 8 (JT) — Saturday marks the 41st birthday of the late former prime minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaif.

There will be a special gathering at the late premier's home in Jabal Amman, where verses of the Holy Koran will be read in memory of Sharif Abdul Hamid, who died suddenly of a heart attack on July 3, aged 41.

The Prime Minister, Dr. Qasem Al Rimawi, and cabinet members will call at Sharif Abdul Hamid's home and then visit his tomb at the royal cemetery, where they will lay wreaths and say prayers.

On this occasion, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dr. Kurt Waldheim, has issued the following statement, exclusive to Al Ra'i and the Jordan Times:

"The death of Abdul Hamid Sharaif is a heavy blow not only for his family and his country, but

also for the international community. During his years at the United Nations, he gained the admiration and respect of all his colleagues. His wisdom and his dedication to peace and international understanding were outstanding assets to the work of the United Nations, and later, in his own country, the same qualities ruled his conduct and characterised his work.

"All who knew him are deeply saddened that his career, with all its great promise, has been so tragically and prematurely cut off. I recall my own close association with Abdul Hamid Sharaif both as a friend and as a colleague.

"Here at the United Nations, we mourn him as a treasured associate and as a world leader whose loss is felt universally."

Sharif Abdul Hamid was Jordan's ambassador to the United Nations from 1972-1976.

## West Bank activists restricted to home towns

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8 (AP) — Israel has imposed new restrictions on Palestinian activists, ordering seven leading West Bank personalities not to leave their towns for an indefinite period.

The orders were an attempt to quash what an official source called "trouble-makers" in the occupied West Bank and Arab East Jerusalem, where there have been long-running protests against conditions for Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. Relatives of the prisoners have been demonstrating sporadically for more than

three weeks.

Israeli military sources confirmed that orders had been issued against seven Palestinians, all of them members of the National Guidance Council, an unofficial Palestinian body working to enhance the solidarity of West Bankers under the Israeli occupation.

Mr. Akram Hanina, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily Al-Sharq, said he had been summoned to the Israeli military governor's office in Ramallah to receive a written order forbidding him to leave Ramallah for an indefinite period. The order, in effect, prevents him from reaching his paper's office in East Jerusalem, but other staff members there said the paper would be published anyway.

Also restricted were the editors of Al-Fajr and Al-Tali'ah, which like Al-Sharq have led the protests on the prisoners' issue. Al-Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawil, Nabatieh Mayor Wahid Hamdallah, Mrs. Samiha Khalil, head of a family welfare society in Al-Bireh, and Mr. Ibrahim Al-Daqqa, chairman of the engineers' union in East Jerusalem.

## ANALYSIS

### U.S. Republicans cite Mideast 'peril'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 1980 American presidential campaign is gaining steam as the Democratic Party of President Carter prepares to open its nominating convention in New York on Monday. Both the Democrats and the opposition Republican Party have prepared "platforms," or policy statements to carry them into the campaign which begins in earnest next month. Substantial segments of these platforms deal with international issues, including the Middle East, and as a service to our readers, we are publishing relevant extracts from these foreign policy "platforms" of the two parties. We begin today with a synopsis of the Republican Party platform. Tomorrow and Monday, on the eve of the Democratic convention, we will publish excerpts from the Democratic platform specifically dealing with the Middle East, plus an account of how the question of Israel's occupation of Jerusalem is dealt with by the Democrats.

THE REPUBLICAN Party platform for president says America's first line of defence, its network of friendly nations and alliances, has been undermined by "the inept conduct of foreign affairs" of the Carter administration.

One of the results, it charges, is that the Middle East is imperilled.

The nations of the Middle East and Gulf have suffered an "unprecedented level" of political, economic and military turmoil in the past three years, the platform says.

The Soviet Union has been prompt in turning these sources of instability to its advantage and is now in "an excellent position to exploit the chaos in Iran and to foment similar upheavals" in other countries in the region, it adds.

The platform says the Soviet goal clearly is to use subversion and the threat of military intervention to establish "a controlling influence over the region's resource-rich states, and thereby to gain decisive political and economic leverage over Western and Third World nations vulnerable to economic coercion."

Soviet efforts to gain "bases in areas astride the major sea lanes" of the world have been successful due to their use of military power, either directly or indirectly or through Cuban and other Soviet bloc forces, says the Republican platform. It notes that since the Carter administration took office in 1977, the Soviets or their clients have "taken over" Afghanistan, Cambodia, Ethiopia and South Yemen and have "solidified their grasp on a host of other nations in the developing world."

The threat to the United States and its allies is not only a military one, the platform says, but one of international terrorism as well. "The failure of the United States to respond to direct threats to its security has left American citizens vulnerable to terrorist assaults."

Terrorism, it notes, has been elevated to the level of overt national policy "as authorities in Iran, encouraged by the Soviet Union," have held over 50 Americans captive for more than nine months.

"We believe that certain principles have emerged from incidents in which states have defied terrorist attacks, and we believe the United States should take the lead in a multilateral drive to eliminate the terrorist threat," it says. "A first requirement is the establishment of a military capability to deal promptly and effectively with any terrorist acts. We cannot afford, as in the abortive Iranian rescue mission, to allow months to pass while we prepare responses."

The premier challenge facing the United States and its allies and the entire globe, the Republican platform says, is to check the Soviet Union's ambitions.

It notes that as the Soviet Union pursues its expansionist course, "the potential for confrontations has increased." Republicans strive to resolve critical issues through negotiations, but we recognise that negotiations conducted from a position of military weakness can result only in further damage to our interests.

The platform states that a Republican administration will continue to seek to negotiate reductions in Soviet strategic weapons and pursue hard bargaining for equitable and enforceable agreements.

But it cautions that "in a period of détente," the NATO nations have "placed excessive hopes in arms control negotiations, while the Warsaw Pact has been formed into the world's most powerful military force."

Republicans will oppose arms control agreements that interfere with the transfer of military technology to U.S. allies, the platform notes.

Calling the North Atlantic Treaty Organization the cornerstone of the Western alliance, the platform says that through inept policies, the Carter administration has substantially contributed to the evident erosion of alliance security and confidence in the United States.

The platform notes that the United States must remain a Pacific power and calls it a "interest to maintain U.S. guaranteed stability in the area."

A new Republican administration, it says, will restore a strong American role in Asia and the Pacific. "We will make it clear that any military action which threatens the independence of America's allies and friends will bring a response sufficient to make its cost prohibitive to potential adversaries."

The platform calls Latin America "an area of primary interest" for the United States. A Republican administration, it notes, will seek to work together in close cooperation with neighbours in Central and South America to build prosperity and to strengthen efforts to combat externally produced revolution and violence.

Soviet and Cuban influence in Africa is cited and deplored. "The Republican Party supports the principle and process of self-determination in Africa. We reaffirm our commitment to this principle and pledge our strong opposition to the effort of the Soviet Union and militant allies to subvert this process," the platform says. "Soviet bases, tens of thousands of Cuban troops and Soviet-bloc subversion are unacceptable."

A Republican administration will adhere to policies that reflect "the complex origins of African conflicts... We will recognise the important role of economic and military assistance programmes and will devote major resources to assisting African development and stability."

## Israeli education law condemned

AMMAN, Aug. 8 (JNA) — Israel's recent amendment of the Jordanian education law in the occupied West Bank is one of the most dangerous parts of its attempts to suppress the role of Arab universities in enhancing the steadfastness of the people in the occupied territories, Birzeit University President Dr. Hanna Nasir said here yesterday.

Speaking at a joint press conference with Dr. Walid Mustafa from Najaf University in Nabulus, Dr. Nasir said, the amendment which Israel intends to put into force from the beginning of the coming school year constitutes a flagrant violation of international agreements and the Fourth Geneva convention, which prohibits any amendment or change of laws existing in occupied territories.

Israel on July 6 amended article 16 of the Jordanian education law of 1964, placing schools, educational institutions, and universities in the West Bank under the jurisdiction of an Israeli military officer.

The amendment, which author-

ises the Israeli officer to appoint and dismiss teachers, is an encroachment on academic freedom and an attempt to suppress the universities' role, and teachers to leave their homes, Dr. Nasir said.

Dr. Nasir said the amendment also gives to the Israeli military authorities the power to interfere in the preparation of syllabi and the enrolment of students also prohibits teachers or students from the territories occupied before 1948, and from the Strip, to enrol in West Bank national institutions.

Dr. Nasir appealed to organisations and the Arab League to do everything in their power to stop Israel from carrying out its measures.

## Local News Briefs

AMMAN, Aug. 8 (JT) — The board of directors of the Social Security Corporation has established procedures whereby non-Jordanians who have made Social Security payments while working in the country can be reimbursed upon their departure. A board spokesman was quoted by Al Ra'i newspaper today as saying that the corporation will pay non-Jordanians compensation upon their submitting the necessary documents.

AILOUN, Aug. 8 (JNA) — The Health Ministry is building a JD 200,000 hospital here to offer services to 48 villages with a total population of nearly 55,000. The Department of Health in Ajloun

said that it has requested the ministry to allocate JD 40,000 to carry out the first phase of the project.

AMMAN, Aug. 8 (JT) — The Director General of the Free Zones Corporation, Mr. Ali Al-Hassan, said he discussed ways of increasing the volume of trade with Syria during his visit there. Speaking upon returning to Amman last night, Mr. Hassan said that during his two-day visit he met with officials from the Syrian free zones corporation to discuss ways of coordinating work between the two corporations.

AMMAN, Aug. 8 (JT) — Fifteen poultry shops in Amman have been issued fines by the municipality for violating health and sanitary regulations, a municipality spokesman said yesterday. He also said large quantities of meat and fowl were seized from these stores and destroyed, having been found unfit for human consumption. The municipality also found food in a number of restaurants in Amman and destroyed it. In addition, 1,000 tins of fruit juice and 275 cartons of cheese were confiscated and destroyed because they had gone bad.

AMMAN, Aug. 8 (JNA) — The military governor has endorsed a sentence passed by the military court on a merchant for violating Ministry of Supply regulations. The man, Mr. Barakat Shukri Zaru, was sentenced to two months in prison and will have his store closed for one month.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Handball

Under the patronage of the Minister of Culture and Youth, Mr. Taher Hikmat, and in memory of Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaif, the late prime minister, Al Hussein Camp meets Al Widad Camp at Al Hussein Youth City stadium on Saturday at 8.30 p.m. A cup will be presented to the winner and medals to both teams.

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## Damas-Scene

By Pat McDonnell and Samir Twair



Damas artist George Genoura with some examples of his photography behind him.

Week of Aug 9-15

### EXHIBITIONS

**CONTINUING:** Oil paintings and etchings by Mamdouh Kachlan on view in Ebla Gallery, one block northwest of the Italian spital.

Icons, abstracts, landscapes and primitive Syrian stings by Latakia artist George Genoura can be seen daily from 5 to 8 p.m. in his studio in the Jisr area of Damascus.

### LECTURES

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 13:** Damascus TV commentator and former in Air Force General Muwaffaq Al Khani will discuss "The Landing on Venus" at 8 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre. It is one of a series sponsored by the newly organized Syrian Epological Society (in Arabic).

A lecture on the philosophy of Tantric Yoga will be given by master Yoga instructor Dada Praviira at 5 p.m. in the Damascus Community School.

**THURSDAY, Aug. 14:** Christian Fellowship meetings convene at 7 p.m. in the home of Principal Valyn Anderson of the Damascus Community School.

**FRIDAY, Aug. 15:** Nondenominational services are offered at 9 p.m. in Damascus Community Church at the American School.

### YOGA INSTRUCTION

Master yoga instructor Dada Praviira teaches yoga at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Damascus Community School. Beginners welcome.

### FILMS

**TUESDAY, Aug. 9:** Two scientific documentary films will be shown at 8:15 p.m. in the Cine-Club, adjacent to the Italian spital, by the Syrian Cosmological Society.

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 10:** "Tucumseh," a feature film about an American Indian, will be shown at 8 p.m. in the German Democratic public Cultural Centre. A documentary, entitled "Welcome to the World," also will be shown (both in Arabic).

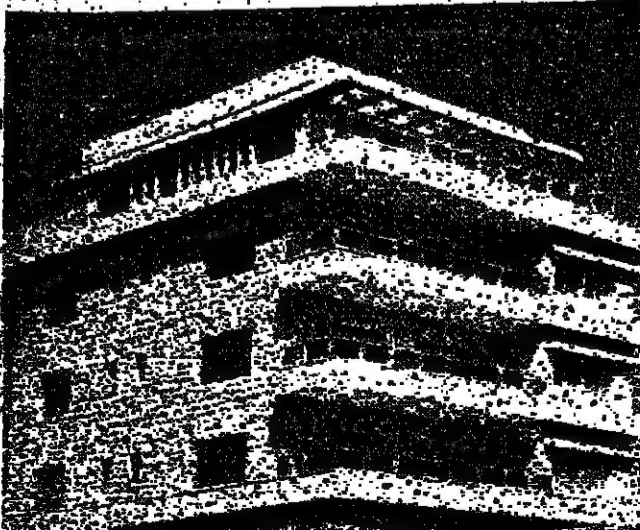
**THURSDAY, Aug. 11 and WEDNESDAY, Aug. 13:** "The Third Day" is the title of a feature film to be shown at 8 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

**FRIDAY, Aug. 12 - FRIDAY, Aug. 15:** The Academy Award winning film "Saturday Night Fever," starring John Travolta, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the American Cultural Centre. Admission is by membership, which can be obtained by signing up in advance at the centre.

**SATURDAY, Aug. 16:** "Don't Leave Your Beloved" is a feature film to be shown at 8 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian).

If you have items for the Damas-Scene column, please send them 10 days in advance to Pat McDonnell, P.O. Box 5601, Damascus, or to Samir Twair in Damascus to 336-658.

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## Pat-pourri

By Pat McDonnell in Damascus

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SYRIANS ARE looking forward to a forthcoming issue of the French magazine, *Grand Reportage*, which is to publish a 22-page colour spread about Syria. Freelance photographer Mr. Olivier Martel has been in Syria for two weeks to snap touristic shots of the countryside and cities as a guest of the Meridien Hotel.

IT WAS A TEX-MEX feast at the Malki home of Marge and Herb Curtis of Syria Pecten Co. as several petroleum specialists, including the host, prepare for transfer to Tunisia. Contrary to rumours, Pecten will continue to operate in Syria, but a temporary slowdown is in order as the fourth well has been dug per contract and geophysicists are now examining the data before launching new wells in 1981.

Enjoying margaritas, chili rellenos and enchiladas were Jim Wynne and Ray White who are headed for Houston, and Lloyd and Diana Daugherty who intend to stay firm in Damascus. Dave Green, drilling foreman, and his wife Jackie, and John and Barbara Howell talked with the Curtis about their new post in Tunisia.

Also on hand was the director of Marathon oil, which has launched a drilling project in Syria, Mr. Charles Harwood, and his wife Helen.

FIELD RESEARCH for her Ph.D. in archaeology has been being conducted by

Mrs. Cathie Kamp Whitaker in a small village south of Deir Ez-Zor. Assisting her with the detailed work of gathering statistics was her husband, John, a fellow doctoral student at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Mrs. Whitaker hopes to prove there haven't been many changes in village sheep herding economies of the Near East for four millennia.

The Whitakers studied Arabic for two years before coming to Syria, and it helped tremendously during their six weeks of living with a family in the village of Ashara. Each day, they crossed the Euphrates by boat and interviewed villagers in a settlement that has no electricity or running water. The Whitakers hired a local schoolteacher as a translator to verify the data they were gathering.

The couple is certain that the results of their research will give insight into how villagers were living in this region during the second millennium B.C. Their work involved studying the methods of slaughtering sheep and herding flocks, house plans, types of tools used and the division of labour.

WE'VE HEARD of many pursuits. Some people are hunting for an apartment, others seek a telephone, archaeologists excavate for dead civilisations, Ponce de Leon sought the Fountain of Youth; but pioneer Damascene artist Nazem Jafari is seeking an exhibition hall large enough to display 1,000 works of art he has produced since 1935. Since graduating from the

Cairo University of Fine Arts in 1947, Mr. Jafari has worked diligently as a painter while teaching at the Damascus' Beaux Arts Academy, which he helped to found. What is unusual is that by choice he has not sold any of his oils, watercolours or ink sketches.

More than 800 paintings and sketches are in his studio on Baghdad Street while 200 more works are in his home. Now retired, he has decided to show a lifetime of paintings simultaneously, and he is faced with the problem of finding a gallery large enough to house them all.

The most practical solution, he's decided, is to utilise one of the pavilions at the Damascus International Fair Grounds after the fair closes in September.

## Highway crash



AMMAN, Aug. 8 (JT) — A pickup truck and a lorry both veered off the road and overturned in an accident on the Desert Highway about 30 kilometres south of here this afternoon. Witnesses said the accident occurred when the northbound lorry's brakes failed at the top of a hill. The pickup, which was travelling in the same direction, went off the road when it swerved to avoid the lorry. There were no casualties, according to the witnesses, although the pickup was carrying four passengers in addition to a load of empty crates. (Photos by Steve Ross)

## SUNDAY'S HORSE RACES

AT THE ROYAL RACING CLUB - MARKA

### FIRST RACE 3:15 P.M.

FOR LOCAL COUNTRY HORSES, BEGINNERS  
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Sulman El Sanie
2. Mohammad Sulman
3. Sami Yacoub Madros
4. Basheer El Sabil
5. Kittanih & A. El Maseeh
6. Farhan Fali
7. Nimir El Hmoud
8. Ali El Yamani
9. Ismael Saleem
10. Khalid El Adwan
11. Sulman Khalifah
12. A. El Satar Matar

ANTAR	Owner	Salamih	57
ARBEEED	Owner	Mousa	57
FRAJH	Owner	Radwan	55.5
SABHA	Owner	Thamin	55.5
EL KHADRA	Owner	Daifallah	55.5
ZOBADH	Owner	Khalaf	55.5
BINT EL REEH	Owner	Ahmad	52.5
SAHAR	Owner	Najib	51.5
SHALLAL	Owner	Fawwaz	50
WADAAN	Owner	Khadir	50
ITIMAD	Owner	Nasir	55.5
A. MADABA	Owner	Nasir	52.5

### SECOND RACE 3:45 P.M.

FOR BEGINNER HORSES  
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Sami Haddadin
2. Sami Haddadin
3. Shalan El Khashman
4. Shalan El Khashman
5. Farhan Fali
6. Hani El Hadid
7. Hani El Hadid
8. Khalid El Adwan
9. Mamdouh El Hadid
10. Nidal B. El Hadid

F. EL BALQA	Owner	Khadir	55.5
HILDA	Owner	Ahmad	55.5
EL BARIHAH	Owner	Fawwaz	55.5
EL RAYAH	Owner	Khalaf	53
SHAHIR	Owner	Salamih	53
ARAR	Owner	Mousa	50
MIHYAR	Owner	Salah	53
NASHWAN	Owner	Kasim	51.5
ROHANIH	Owner	Ibrahim	50
HILAL EL SAAD	Owner	Ibrahim	50

### THIRD RACE 4:15 P.M.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES  
DISTANCE 1,600 METRES

1. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil Stable
2. Ghallib Haddadin
3. Mishal El Falez
4. Nimir El Hmoud
5. Bahjat Fanous
6. Sami Haddadin
7. Rashid Oudih
8. Kittanih & A. El Maseeh
9. Ahmad Basbous
10. A. El Latif El Hadid

DOKOL	Kamal	Ibrahim	58
M. AYYSAF	Belasim	Khadir	58
SHOJAA	Owner	Radwan	56
GHOBAR	Owner	Salamih	54
SHABBAB	Owner	Najib	54
A. MAEEN	Belasim	Ahmad	52.5
R. EL BARI	Owner	Fawwaz	52.5
H. EL RAHMAN	Owner	Daifallah	52.5
MOHAJIM	Owner	Mousa	50
ABEER	Owner	Salah	49.5

### FOURTH RACE 4:15 P.M.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES  
DISTANCE 1,000 METRES

1. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil Stable
2. Nimir El Hmoud
3. Kittanih & A. El Maseeh
4. Bassam El Hadid
5. Sami Haddadin
6. Sulman El Sanie
7. Mamdouh El Hadid
8. A. El Latif El Hadid
9. Ghallib Haddadin
10. Hani El Hadid

EL BARK	Kamal	Ibrahim	58
SHAM ROUKH	Owner	Najib	54
HAYATI	Owner	Daifallah	54
EL MOJIB	Owner	Salah	54
EL BALOU	Belasim	Khadir	54
GHAWZAN	Owner	Fawwaz	54
NADWAH	Owner	Kasim	52.5
WISAM	Owner	Thamin	50
BINT ELIZZ	Belasim	Ahmad	49.5
HIDAYAH	Owner	Maysa	45.5

### FIFTH RACE 5:15 P.M.

FOR SECOND CLASS HORSES  
DISTANCE 1,000 METRES

1. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil Stable
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3. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil Stable
4. Rashid Oudih
5. Sami Haddadin
6. Shalan El Khashman
7. Shalan El Khashman
8. Nidal B. El Hadid
9. Bahjat Fanous

BATAL	Kamal	Fawwaz	52
KASSAR	Kamal	Mostafa	48
BINT EL EIËD	Kamal	Ibrahim	46.5
MARJAN	Owner	Salamih	52
MAJD	Belasim	Khadir	50
EL ZEER	Owner	Mousa	60
HILAL EL SALT	Owner	Salah	48
SAMHAH	Owner	Kasim	48.5
HOLWAN	Owner	Najib	48



## Economic News Briefs

### Chase bank raises prime rate

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (AP) — Chase Manhattan bank raised its prime lending rate yesterday one-quarter percentage point to 11 per cent to rejoin the rest of the banking industry in the United States.

Two weeks ago Chase cut its rate to 10.75 per cent, but only one other major bank — Chemical Bank — followed. All other major banks kept their rates at 11 per cent.

Wall Street analysts are divided on the question of whether the prime will rise above 11 per cent this summer. Some believe it could go as high as 12 per cent before easing later this year. Other say it is likely to remain steady.

The prime peaked at 20 per cent in April at the height of the credit crunch, and dropped rapidly as other open-market interest rates plunged in late April and May.

### Sweden's industrial investments seen rising

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 8 (SIP) — Investments in Swedish industry will rise by some 20 per cent in volume during the current year to a total of kr. 18,600 million (\$4,400 million) according to a survey of companies' investment plans published by the National Central Bureau of Statistics.

Last year, the volume of investments was up 3 per cent compared with 1978, with machinery investments increasing 6 per cent and building investment declining 6 per cent. Increases in investments in 1980 are expected in most industrial sectors, with the largest volumes in mining, iron and steel works, and engineering.

Predictions for 1981 indicate an unchanged or slightly increased investment volume, the survey says.

### India, Malaysia to discuss trade cooperation

PENANG, Malaysia, Aug. 8 (AP) — India and Malaysia will hold talks soon to discuss trade and joint venture industrial projects between the two countries, India's high commissioner to Malaysia, Mr. Prakash Shah, said today. India is presently the single largest buyer of Malaysia's palm oil, Mr. Prakash said, after culling on Penang Chief Minister Lim Chong Eu.

Last year, India imported palm oil worth over \$300-million from Malaysia and it is expected to maintain the volume of import this year.

### Oil trade reports Saudia considering price rises

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (AP) — Saudi Arabia was reported yesterday to be considering raising its \$28 a barrel crude oil price to at least \$29 as early as mid-August despite the current world glut of petroleum.

The trade newspaper *Platts' oilgramme* news, quoting an unidentified "reliable industry source," said four members of the Arabian Gulf country's supreme petroleum council have been pressing for a \$2 a barrel increase this month and another \$2 hike in November.

Three other members of the advisory body — including the influential oil minister, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani — are backing a single \$4 increase to \$32 in the fourth quarter, the newspaper said.

But a final decision on any price increase would be made by the country's Crown Prince Fahd, rather than by the petroleum

council, the paper said. Saudi Arabia is the largest foreign supplier of oil to the United States and the largest member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Saudi Arabia accounts for 37 per cent of OPEC's 26 million barrels-a-day output, and industry analysts calculate each \$1 a barrel average OPEC price hike boosts U.S. fuel prices by about 1.5 cents a gallon.

OPEC in June set \$32 as the recommended base price for the cartel, up from \$23.34 in January. Saudi Arabia, whose oil price traditionally has been the benchmark on which the OPEC prices are set, has not raised its price from the \$28 a barrel level it announced on April 1.

OPEC in June set \$32 as its recommended base price and \$37 as its ceiling following an 18-month period in which the cartel's prices jumped 130 per cent.

### Abu Dhabi reports major oil discovery

ABU DHABI, Aug. 8 (R) — A new gas field being developed off the coast of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) would more than double the Gulf state's reserves, oil industry sources said yesterday.

They said the Umm Shaif field, between Abu Dhabi and Qatar, is estimated to contain 24,000 billion cubic feet of natural gas, which would make it one of the largest in the world.

The UAE government has not announced figures for the field. The UAE's total gas reserves were 20,500 billion cubic feet at the end of last year, Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) figures show.

The sources told Reuters an exploratory well was drilled at Umm Shaif to 5,000 metres at the end of last year and development drilling was now under way.

The field is operated by Abu Dhabi Marine Operating Company (Adama-Opeco). Abu Dhabi National Oil Company has a 60 per cent stake in the company, the rest being held by British Petroleum with 14-2/3 per cent, Compagnie Francaise des Petroles-Total 13-1/3 per cent and Japan Oil Development Company 12 per cent.

## OECD report dismisses deep recession in Japan

PARIS, Aug. 8 (R) — Japan is unlikely to go into a deep recession as a result of the last round of oil price rises although economic growth will probably continue to slow in the next 12 months, according to a report published here today.

The report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said Japan, which is heavily dependent on imported oil, was better placed to meet the second oil shock than the first in 1973/74.

As a result, the decline in growth which should be seen this year is likely to be a limited one.

The organisation, which groups the leading non-communist industrialised countries, recently fore-

cast that Japan's Gross National Product would grow about 3.75 per cent in the year to mid-1981, compared with a probably 5.5 per cent this year and 5.9 per cent last year.

However it warned that uncertainty over the economic prospects of other major member countries meant there was a risk that Japan's growth might weaken more than forecast.

The OECD urged the Japanese government to give priority to containing inflation and to make few adjustments to its restrictive monetary and fiscal policies until they had achieved tangible results.

It has forecast a 7.5 per cent rise in consumer prices in 1980 against 3.1 per cent last year, although

price growth should peak this summer and ease in the first half of next year to an annual rate of about six per cent.

The report praised what it called the responsible attitude of Japan's trade unions in wage negotiations this year. It commented: "The way in which conflicting claims on income have been resolved and the high degree of consensus attained in Japan are indeed remarkable."

### LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	291.50/293.50	French franc	71.00/71.40
U.K. sterling	686.90/690.90	Dutch guilder	151.00/151.30
West German mark	164.60/165.60	Swedish crown	70.20/70.60
Swiss franc	178.50/179.60	Belgian franc	102.80/103.40
Italian lire		Japanese yen	129.00/129.80
(for every 100)	34.80/35.00	(for every 100)	

### LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Aug. 8 (Agencies) — The London Stock Exchange closed firm in dull trading today. British government securities recouped their heavy losses of Wednesday. Government bonds advanced on the strength of the pound sterling in money markets. Short dates jumped 50p long up to 75p.

Oils were strong with British Petroleum rising 6p, Ultramar 6, Shell Transport 4 and Barmah 3.

Among industrials Bowater Paper, Britain's General Electric and International Computers gained 3, Imperial Chemicals and But Industries 2, Babcock International and Guest Keen netted a penny.

Gold shares were firm. The Financial Times index of 30 industrials was up 1.4 at 479.6. Canadian shares were easier while U.S. shares were firmer with IBM, trading ex-dividend, up 25p to £27.75.

## Chinese oil reserves mount

HOHHOT, Inner Mongolia, Aug. 8 (R) — China has struck oil in the east of its Inner Mongolia region and is trying to establish the size of the find, an official of the regional planning commission said. He said the oil is believed to be an extension of the Daqing field in adjacent Heilongjiang province.

Daqing already accounts for nearly half of total Chinese output. Official statistics said China produced 106.15 million tonnes in 1979, an average rate of 2.1 million barrels per day (bpd) which is roughly the same as, for instance, the Anglo-Norwegian North Sea.

The planning official in Hohhot said the Peking central government would decide when to exploit the Inner Mongolia find. He could not say how much it could add to Chinese oil reserves,

which Western oil industry experts say are likely to be much larger than a present North Sea range industry estimate of 20 billion barrels.

Survey work and test drilling continue in the far western region of Xinjiang, where oil was struck at the western end of the Tarim Basin between Kasin (Kashgar) and Aksu in 1977, officials of the Xinjiang economic planning commission in the regional capital, Urumqi, said.

"It is still the first stage and there is still much to be done. It is in a remote area with no railway and only one highway, so we don't know when the field will be put into operation," one said.

"Some tests yield very good results, but we are still not clear about the size of the deposit. Oil is flowing already, but not in commercial production," the offi-

cial added. He said technical discussions were being held with American and West German companies "to quicken the work."

The region's present commercial output comes from Karamay and Dushanbe in north Xinjiang and officials said the quota for this year was close to four million tonnes (80,000 bpd). They said the Karamay field was expanding. Sources in Peking said a French company also has a contract for seismic work in south Xinjiang.

In June, the New China News Agency quoted the Petroleum Corporation of China as saying Peking was considering the possibility of joint ventures for onshore oil exploration with foreign companies, such as are already helping seek offshore oil.

The corporation said some foreign companies had been studying onshore basins.

Gansu, Qinghai in the west, the Gobi Desert and the province of Jiangsu in the east.

Gansu province is preparing to call in the end of this year or next year for onshore areas around the province for oil exploration and development.

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# Jordan Times Sports Roundup

## Baseball roundup

ORK, Aug. 8 (AP) — Ken Singleton's two-out double a Baltimore's second unearned run of the sixth inning, he streaking Orioles a 2-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox in American League action.

The sixth consecutive triumph and the 13th in the last 15 or the second-place Orioles, who pulled within 5½ games New York Yankees in the American League East. Baltimore's three-game series in New York tonight.

Steve Trout allowed one hit through the first five innings, the sixth, first baseman Lamar Johnson moved in front of baseman Jim Morrison for a grounder by Kiko Garcia but wildly for an error and Garcia raced to second.

Dauer hit a weak tapper toward Morrison but Johnson recorded and had nowhere to throw as Trout remained on and Garcia reached third and scored when Al Bumbry led into a double play. Rick Dempsey followed with a single and on Singleton's double.

Trout in the National League East also tightened up when he just off the disabled list, hurled a six-hitter in his first since July 3 and Jerry Morales and Joel Youngblood led as the New York Mets defeated the Montreal Expos 7-1, walloped the Chicago Cubs 11-3 as Bill Madlock hit a homer, pitcher Eddie Solomon cracked a pair of doubles, a Foli drove in three runs with a double and two singles. Philadelphia claimed within 3½ games of the top when pitcher Carlton drove in the eventual winning run and became the league's first 17-game winner with the help of a two-run by Larry Bowa as the Phillies beat the St. Louis Cardinals.

Houston Astros maintained their half-game lead over Los Angeles in the NL West despite a 5-1 loss to the San Diego Padres. Dodgers also lost, dropping a 4-3 decision to the Atlanta Braves.

Murphy rapped out three hits and drove in three runs in Diego while Bob Shirley hurled a four-hitter for his first win of the season.

Burroughs and Bruce Benedict delivered consecutive sacrifices in the sixth inning to rally the Braves over the Dodgers.

Hubbard's homer in the third inning accounted for a first two runs.

in the AL. Veteran slugger Carl Yastrzemski triggered a seventh inning with a bunt single, sparking the Boston Sox to a 7-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers. Yastki, who will be 41 in two weeks, legged out a bunt to the left field, was bunted to second by Jim Rice — his first sacrifice — and scored the tie-breaking run on Glenn Hoffman's Dave Stapleton singled home another run and Fred Lunn

doubled two more across.

Bo Diaz' one-out single in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the Cleveland Indians their fifth consecutive victory and 13th in their last 15 games, a 7-6 decision over the Toronto Blue Jays.

## French fastest in Grand Prix practice

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany, Aug. 8 (R) — The tragic death of French driving ace Patrick Depailler in practice has overshadowed the German Grand Prix to be held here on Sunday.

Depailler, 35, hit a crash-barrier in his Alfa Romeo last Friday on the so-called East Curve, where this year's Formula One cars, equipped with new aerofoil and other road-holding improvements, can sweep through at speeds of up to 200 kilometres an hour.

Alan Jones of Australia, who leads the Formula One championship, told reporters of the hazards of the curve before Depailler's crash. In contrast to last year, the curve was being taken in fifth gear at full throttle, he said.

Jones, who won the British Grand Prix last month in a Williams to notch up his third successive Grand Prix victory this year, is six points ahead of second-placed Nelson Piquet of Brazil, who finished second at Brands Hatch in a Brabham.

Renault drivers Rene Arnoux and Jean-Pierre Jabouille of France set the fastest times in the first practice session today, of two minutes 0.15 seconds and 2:00.56 respectively.

Piquet was third fastest in 2:01.71, ahead of fourth-placed Jacques Laffite of France in a Ligier.

Another Frenchman, Didier Pironi, was the fifth quickest and he will be out to make it for his Ligier's disappointing Brands Hatch performance caused by tyre trouble.

## English football kicks off on Saturday

LONDON, Aug. 8 (R) — The English football season kicks off on Saturday with the traditional carefree meeting of the league champions and the cup winners for the Charity Shield at Wembley.

Liverpool, who won the league last season for the fourth time in five years, and Second Division West Ham United, who upset London neighbours Arsenal in the Football Association (FA) Cup final, will be expected to serve up a tasty appetiser for the 10 months of action to come.

While both clubs will be eager to secure the first piece of silverware on offer, this is the one match in the year in which entertainment is judged more important than victory.

## County cricket championship results

LONDON, Aug. 8 (AP) — Surrey advanced its hopes of closing the gap on County cricket championship leaders Middlesex today with a 104-run victory over Glamorganshire at the oval. Surrey declared its second innings closed at 213 for 5, a lead of 320.

Former Pakistan captain and test spinner Intikhab Alam bowled Surrey to its important victory. He bowled 30 overs, taking 5 for 83 and securing vital wickets when required, although Glamorgan held Surrey up almost to the bitter end.

Another championship challenger, Nottinghamshire, had to settle for two bonus points in a drawn rain-hit match against Lancashire at Trent Bridge.

The captains, Clive Rice and Frank Hayes, tried to force a finish, with three declarations today, but when Lancashire was left to make 204 in 145 minutes it ended at 93 for 3, with Hayes 45 not out.

Mike Procter's personal destruction of Worcestershire continued today when he took his haul of wickets in the match to 14.

Gloucestershire's South African captain, whose 7 for 16 yesterday was the best bowling in the county championship this season, took another seven, for 60, today. Procter, who also scored 103 runs in the match, has an amazing "liking" for Worcestershire. Last season he took 8 for 30 against the county, and two years ago returned 7 for 33.

## Tanzania may withdraw from African Games

DAR ES SALAAM, Aug. 8 (R) — Tanzania may not take part in the forthcoming East and Central African athletics and boxing championships because they are mainly intended for teams which boycotted the Moscow Olympics, the government daily news said yesterday.

It quoted National Sports Council Secretary-General Victor Mkondo as saying Tanzania was considering withdrawing from the championships, to be held in Cairo and Nairobi, because "the two meetings would serve no purpose for our teams. Moreover the meeting is contradictory to the standing of the Supreme Council of Sports in Africa (SCSA)".

The SCSA had discouraged zonal and regional competitions organised about the same time as major international competitions like the Olympics, the commonwealth and all-Africa games, Mr. Mkondo said.

More than 15 countries, all of whom joined the U.S.-led boycott of Moscow to protest Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, have said they will participate in the championships. But Uganda, Ethiopia, and Zambia who, along with Tanzania participated in the Olympics, have not said whether they will take part.

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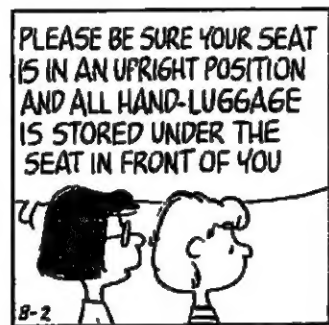
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## France angry at corruption of asylum policy Bologna massacre suspect jailed, awaiting extradition

NICE, France, Aug. 8 (AP) — Italian fugitive Marco Affatigato, an accused right-wing extremist suspected in the Bologna railway station blast, was

jailed by a French magistrate yesterday pending an extradition decision that could take at least a month.

The 24-year-old Mr. Affatigato, whom the French press called the "No. 1 suspect" in the Bologna explosion that left 78 people dead, was brought handcuffed into the heavily guarded court after long interrogation by French and Italian authorities.

In a brief session, the Nice magistrate ordered him held for a formal extradition hearing at the regional criminal court in Aix-en-Provence. French officials said a final decision on extradition would probably take at least a month.

Mr. Affatigato, dressed in jeans and a yellow T-shirt, with his beard and glasses, maintained his image of composure, which had led the daily *France-Soir* to headline him "the very cool Italian of Nice."

With irony, he told journalists outside the courthouse that "he was persuaded to stay in France." French press reports widely quoted him as maintaining the same light posture when he was arrested on Wednesday afternoon.

"Every time a bomb goes off in Italy, they think of me," Mr. Affatigato was quoted as telling his arresting officers. "I expected your visit."

French and Italian authorities emphasised that Mr. Affatigato has not been charged in connection with the Bologna blast. The international arrest warrant on which he was seized cited only charges of falsifying a driver's licence and petty theft.

But according to reports in both countries, survivors of the blast

put together a composite portrait of a man seen carrying a suitcase in the second class waiting room where investigators later found traces of explosives. The portrait resembled Mr. Affatigato, officials said.

But Mr. Affatigato's lawyer, Gabriel Dufauré de Citres, said on Thursday that his client had a strong alibi for his whereabouts on Saturday morning at the time of the Bologna blast.

He was seen by his brother Roy, his sister-in-law, his British girlfriend, and by several Nice shopkeepers as well, including a florist and a currency exchange employee, the lawyer said.

The lawyer also asserted that the photo presented to the survivors for identification was old and showed Mr. Affatigato without the big black beard he now wears. Mr. Dufauré de Citres said he had been retained by Mr. Affatigato's family in Tuscany.

Along with Mr. Affatigato, French police arrested his brother, the sister-in-law, one male friend

and the British girlfriend. Their precise identities were not disclosed and all four were released without charge, officials said.

The arrest, in the aftermath of three assassination attempts on Paris streets in the past three weeks, stirred renewed calls that France should put a halt to the jailing of the welcome mat it sets out for political dissidents.

The president of the republic, the prime minister, the interior minister have all proclaimed on several occasions — and just recently again — their firm will to protect the true nature of the right of asylum, to prevent its corruption, the daily *Le Figaro* said in a front page editorial. "It is more than time to take action."

*Le Figaro* also expressed shock that even though Italian courts had twice convicted him in absentia for aiding a notorious Italian right-wing extremist, Mr. Affatigato "lived and worked tranquilly on the Riviera, under his own name, with papers and working permit in order."

## Mafia suspected of murder of top Palermo prosecutor

PALERMO, Sicily, Aug. 8 (AP) — Justice Minister Tommaso Morino said the killing of chief state prosecutor of this Sicilian capital by a gunman here on Wednesday appeared to be the work of the Sicilian Mafia.

The prosecutor, Gaetano Costa, 64, was killed by five bullets fired by a gunman at short range on a busy street in central Palermo. Police and court officials

said they suspected the murder was aimed at intimidating local prosecutors investigating alleged drug traffic between Sicily and the United States.

Mr. Morino said: "Dominating hypothesis leads us to believe that Costa has fallen in a frontier different from terrorism but which equally aims at destabilising our institutions and that must be confronted with the same strength terrorism is confronted."

In Rome Interior Under-Secretary Angelo Sanza told the Senate Costa's murder could be a result of the investigations being carried out by Mr. Costa on drug traffic by Mafia organisations.

On May 6, Palermo prosecutors issued 56 arrest warrants against members of several leading Mafia families and two associates of Italian financier Michele Sindona.

## Britain transfers \$100m to civil defence spending

LONDON, Aug. 8 (AP) — The British government yesterday announced a \$106.65 million package to boost the country's civil defence.

In a statement in the House of Commons, Home Secretary William Whitelaw said the money would be spent over the next three years to 1983-84.

"We believe that to be seen to be prepared at home, as well as capable of military deterrence and defence will make war less likely," Mr. Whitelaw told the House.

War with Warsaw Pact countries, he said, was improbable "provided that we maintain a firm commitment to peace while ensuring that our defence forces remain balanced and effective."

But announcing that part of the money would be spent on improving Britain's warning system, he added that in the event of a war hitting Europe, warning time "might be measured in days, rather than weeks."

Other factors to be improved by the new defence package, Mr. Whitelaw said, would include publicity for the best nuclear raid shelters on the market; and wartime broadcasting. The money would be taken from other, unidentified projects, he said, so as not to increase public spending, an area in which Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has taken a firm line.

The new package brought angry cries of protest from members of the opposition Labour Party.

Mr. Merlyn Rees, opposition Labour Party spokesman for home affairs, said disarmament was a better and less expensive way of avoiding war than increased defence spending.

"The only way through the frightful problems of nuclear war is for us to work for disarmament with the great powers," he said.

## Bolivia holds U.S. journalist for 'defaming' regime

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Aug. 8 (AP) — Bolivia's new right-wing military government is considering putting a U.S. correspondent on trial for allegedly defaming the new regime, press reports and diplomatic sources say.

U.S. embassy officials said they have not been allowed to visit Miss Mary Helen Spooner, an American journalist being held for her reporting about Bolivia's rightist coup.

"We have not been allowed to visit her and we are not certain where she is being held," said an embassy spokesman who asked not to be identified.

The 28-year-old journalist was arrested on Wednesday night by armed civilians who were waiting for her when she walked into the Hotel La Paz. Two other American journalists, Mr. Gary Tredway, 38, a correspondent for the *Voice of America*, and Ms. Beryl Bernay of NBC radio New York, were arrested with Miss Spooner and released a few hours later.

Other sources said Gen. Luis Garcia Meza's government was toying with the idea of bringing Miss Spooner to trial for allegedly defaming the new regime. The sources said the matter was discussed at a cabinet meeting on Thursday, and that the reaction among cabinet members was positive.

The newspaper *Ultima Hora* quoted the Minister of the Interior as saying Miss Spooner's case would be handed over to the courts. The paper said its reporter saw Miss Spooner in the Interior Ministry shortly before noon, and that she had not been mistreated but was being held incommunicado.

The government has not said what in particular has offended officials about Miss Spooner's reporting, but the government-controlled press has called her "a journalist imposter" who transmits "false dispatches."

Miss Spooner was described as a freelance writer for the *Financial Times* of London, *The Economist* of London and the *National Catholic Reporter*.

## Brazil clamps on migrants

BRASILIA, Brazil, Aug. 8 (AP) — A controversial immigration law went into effect last Wednesday, strictly controlling the entry of foreigners into Brazil, a nation often praised as a melting pot of European, African and native cultures.

The measure was automatically enacted and went into effect when a 40-day deadline passed for Congress to act on it. The body was in deadlock over plans to revise sections of the legislation considered offensive by critics who claim it could give the military-backed government power to expel Latin

American refugees, missionaries and others it judges undesirable.

Diplomatic analysts acknowledge government claims that the law is a long overdue measure signalling an end to the great wave of migration.

But the analysts joined with Roman Catholic church leaders, human rights spokesmen, critics and some members of President Joao Figueiredo's own ruling Social Democratic Party in questioning the broad prerogatives the law gives to the military-backed leadership.

## Romanian plane dives into the Atlantic

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania, Aug. 8 (AP) — A Romanian jetliner carrying 164 Romanian fishermen crashed in the Atlantic early yesterday just off the Mauritanian coast, but only one person was killed, one was missing and 13 were injured, an official Mauritanian statement said.

Four of the injured were in grave condition, said the statement issued in Nouakchott, the west African nation's capital.

The jetliner, plunged into the sea at 0315 GMT on approach to the airport at Nouadhibou, Mauritania's principal port, with no sign the pilot had triggered a distress signal, according to preliminary reports from the official Mauritanian news agency.

In a later telephone interview with the AP in Paris, the French airliner UTA at Nouadhibou quoted witnesses as saying there were at least 25 known injured and another 70 or 75 passengers who may also have escaped.

The UTA official at the airport said the plane was a three-engine Tupolev 154 that had been chartered from the Romanian airline Tarom and was on a flight from Romania.

The plane went down five kilometres east of the runway, some 300 metres from the coast. The weather was described as acceptable with a normal wind and visibility of four kilometres.

For unexplained reasons, the plane, dipped to the right on

## Soviets slam U.S. nuclear strategy

MOSCOW, Aug. 8 (AP) — A new U.S. nuclear strategy for retaliating against possible Soviet strikes came under sharp attack yesterday in *Pravda*.

"The flare-up of the dangerous military psychosis in Washington can be explained only by a loss of common sense, by a loss of the sense of reality," wrote Mr. Boris Orekhov, commentator of the Communist Party daily.

"It is in a wrong place that the authors of the presidential directive are looking for the best way to prevent a conflict," Mr. Orekhov wrote.

According to U.S. defence officials, President Jimmy Carter formally approved a refined plan to deter Russian attacks by making the Soviet military-industrial complex and Soviet leaders prime targets for U.S. retaliation.

The doctrine has been undergoing refinements for about three years, evolving from policies under previous administrations aimed at giving a president a wider range of options than destruction of cities, the officials in Washington said on Tuesday.

But the *Pravda* commentator said "Washington's way" continued to be a prolongation of the nuclear arms race "with all the dangerous consequences for universal peace and consequently for the U.S. people as well."

Mr. Orekhov went on to claim that the American people "are being deceived by promises to prevent a conflict in this way."

The only way to prevent nuclear war, he wrote, would be "in the preservation of detente and of all the good that has been provided for us" during the 1970s in turning to East-West disarmament and consolidation of peace.

## Kennedy: 'I could not have lived with myself' and Anderson still have high hopes

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (AP) — Senator Edward Kennedy, arriving in New York for next week's convention of the Democratic party, insisted today

"We've done a detailed survey that shows very promising results," Mr. Kennedy told reporters after a flight from Washington. "I've made a good many calls myself. I'm very hopeful, still optimistic about the outcome."

President Jimmy Carter's aides insist they have the votes to adopt

fragile hopes of winning the nomination on his ability to defeat a Carter-backed "rule" proposal requiring delegates to vote on the first nominating ballot for the candidate they were pledged to support.

Then, according to Mr. Kennedy's own victory scenario, his forces defeat the presidents' camp on a few key platform issues and Mr. Kennedy goes on to the nomination on the second or third ballot.

Despite the odds against him, Mr. Kennedy said in a Public Television interview that even as the convention approaches, "I'm more convinced about the importance of these issues, than at the time that I announced for the presidency of the United States... I could not have lived with myself if I had stayed on the sidelines and been silent."

Mr. Kennedy told interviewer Bill Moyers he would not have "dreamed of challenging" Mr. Carter this year if the president had "adhered" to the party's 1976 platform.

Mr. Kennedy reiterated his position early today in an interview on ABC's "Good morning, America."

He said he would have "no hesi-

a rule requiring delegates to vote for the candidate they are pledged to on the first nominating ballot.

If the rule is adopted, Mr. Carter is assured of the nomination.

Although the odds are stacked heavily against Mr. Kennedy, sources said that he has ordered speechwriters to draft an acceptance speech for him. The Massachusetts senator was far ahead of Mr. Carter in public opinion polls last year, when he became a candidate for the Democratic nomination, but he goes to the convention with only 1,234 delegates to the president's 1,985. It takes 1,666 to win the nomination.

Mr. Kennedy is pinning his

approach and plunged into the sea, the UTA official told AP.

A boat from the Mauritanian navy rushed to the scene as did two trawlers, the UTA official said. The boats arrived before the plane had completely broken up and with two-thirds of the fuselage intact and still above water, he said.

In addition to those pulled onto the boats, an undetermined number of passengers also managed to swim to shore, complicating the task of compiling exact casualty figures, the UTA official said.

The wounded, including the pilot who was reported in grave condition, were admitted to the clinic of the National Industry and Mining Company in Nouadhibou, the official said. An undetermined number of them were to be flown back to Romania today aboard a UTA plane, the official said.

The 164 fishermen listed on the passenger manifest were to relieve crews on Romanian fishing boats playing the Atlantic off west Africa, officials said. The crews are routinely changed every three months.



John Anderson

## Negligent tanker capta gets jail term from Dutch

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 8 (AP) — A court here imposed four-month jail sentences on the captain and first officer of a super-tanker which nearly caused a disaster in the world's largest port here last month.

Captain Sal Lit Lam, 38, from Hong Kong, and first officer Pao Wang, 51, from Taiwan, were found guilty of negligence in allowing the Liberian-registered tanker *Energy Concord* to back its bow while unloading oil in Rotterdam's Europoort area on July 22.

After the 98,000-tonne vessel buckled, port officials found that oil had been pumped only from its mid-section while the fore and aft tanks had been left full. This had caused the centre of the super-

structure to rise, and the cracked and partially sank three-month-old tanker. The prosecution had said the defendants' "negligence" had caused the tanker to lose its stability and to capsize. The judges said it was "not clear" whether the tanker's loss of stability had been caused by the negligence of the captain and first officer, or by the tanker's own structural weakness.

The *Energy Concord* was a 42-year-old tanker, built in 1938, and was the largest of its kind in the world. It was carrying a cargo of oil when it was damaged. The tanker was towed to a nearby dry dock at the time of the accident. The tanker was damaged in the bow area, and the bow was broken off. The tanker was damaged in the bow area, and the bow was broken off. The tanker was damaged in the bow area, and the bow was broken off.

## Who discovered America?

PEKING — Chinese historians are citing new evidence to support a tantalising old hypothesis — that Chinese Buddhists "discovered" the continent of North America 1,000 years before the Italian Columbus.

The theory has been floating around for more than 200 years and has been discredited by many historians. However, the latest issue of the magazine *China Reconstructs* says there may be some truth to it.

Mr. Fang Zhiqun, a specialist in the history of navigation, writes that recent discoveries off the United States' California coast of what may be ancient Chinese anchors support the theory. "Newly found evidence off the west coast of North America suggests strongly that trans-Pacific voyages were made by Chinese vessels centuries before Columbus discovered America" in 1492, Mr. Fang writes.

The anchor-like artifacts were brought to the attention of Chinese scholars in April 1979 by Dr. James Robert Moriarty, an archaeologist at the University of San Diego in California.

He cited a series of discoveries and mentioned two in particular: two cylindrical and one triangular anchor found in shallow water off Palos Verdes peninsula and a circular stone with a hole through the middle found off Point Mendocino. "Such stones are known to have been used for thousands of years as anchors," Mr. Fang writes, referring to the cylindrical shape.

His age was calculated by analysis of a thin layer of manganese on the stones.

The theory that Chinese monks sailed to America before Columbus was put forward first in the 1760s by French Sinologist de Guignes in his book "Chinese voyages to the American coast."

He based his theory on an ancient study, "History of the Liang dynasty" written by Yao Shilun who lived from 557 to 637 A.D. The Chinese scholar mentioned a fantastic voyage by Chinese Buddhists to a country called Fusan, believed by some to be Japan and by de Guignes and others to be Mexico.

The story goes that in 49 A.D., a monk Hui-shen arrived in what is now Hubei province central China and proclaimed he had returned from the land of Fusan, 20,000 li east of the 'li' varies from 0.5 to 3.6 kilometres.

The ancient Chinese historian said the monk claimed that he had seen a pear-shaped fruit tree in profusion in the structures in Fusan were built of the cloth and garments were made of its bark.

The ancient traveller also described the land of Fusan and said the children of prisoners became slaves, boys at the age of 9, girls at 7.

Those conditions could describe ancient Japan, according to Deng Tuo, a Chinese historian. The Fusan plant, he argues, could be the like Century plant of Mexico which supplies drink and clothing.

Writer Fang, an expert in navigation, Chinese vessels of the 5th century could sail across the Pacific.

For long periods China led the ancient in navigation, he writes. In the 4th century he writes, Chinese ships were sailing beyond seas, and went beyond.

The remains of a Qin dynasty (221-206 B.C.) shipyard also show that China was building ships that could carry 50 to 60 tons of cargo. In the 1st century B.C. the Chinese kingdom of Wu had ships, Mr. Fang writes.

Mr. Fang quotes Dr. Moriarty as saying that recent discoveries of ancient Chinese vessels off the California coast support the theory that Chinese monks sailed to America before Columbus.

They add support, Mr. Fang writes, to the theory that the ancient cultures of the Americas had to some extent been influenced by Chinese origin.

The Chinese historian concludes one of the Chinese relics off the California coast may turn up more evidence of friendly intent between China and the Americas in a time.

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## Allen — 'an extremely dangerous hurricane'

MERIDA, Mexico, Aug. 8 (AP) — Hurricane Allen roared north of the Yucatan peninsula early today and into the south central Gulf of Mexico, leaving 72 dead in its 1,920 kilometres rampage and aiming its killer force in the direction of Brownsville, Texas, less than 960 kilometres away.

The U.S. national weather service reported at midnight that Allen was moving west-northwest at 29 kph and "if the present course and speed continues a hurricane watch will be required for portions of the Texas and the northeast Mexican coast early Friday morning."

The report said that the storm was located 936 kilometres east-southeast of Brownsville, and that highest winds were 264 kilometres an hour and that — "Allen continues to be an extremely dangerous hurricane."

Allen's fringes pounded Isla Mujeres and other pleasure

resorts on the Mexican peninsula yesterday before moving north toward the Gulf coast of the United States.

The storm surged as it churned through the 240 kilometre-wide Yucatan channel, which was closed to navigation by Cuba and Mexico.

Tens of thousands of people fled the storm, which has already caused millions of dollars in damage on several islands.

About 2,500 oil rig workers fled their rigs in the Gulf of Mexico as far north as Texas and Louisiana, and a spokesman for Pemex, Mexico's state petroleum monopoly, said about 2,000 workers and technicians had been moved from offshore installations in the oil-rich Campeche Bay.

A helicopter evacuating oil workers crashed 96 kilometres off the coast of Louisiana. The coast guard said at least four of the 13 people aboard were found dead. The Red Cross alerted about

400 emergency workers and sent 100 to communities in south Texas. Residents of the resort areas on south Padre Island on the Texas coast were boarding up their homes and businesses.

Havana radio reported four people were electrocuted as fringes of the hurricane howled past Cuba on Tuesday.

That brought the death toll to 72, including eight in Jamaica, 41 in Haiti, three in the Dominican Republic and 16 on the tiny eastern Caribbean island of St. Lucia. In nearby Dominica, one person was missing and feared dead.

Cuban officials have evacuated more than 200,000 people and 46,000 cows in seven provinces because of the storm. Hurricane Allen, replenished by warm Gulf Mexico water, rivals the most intense Atlantic hurricane of all time, an unnamed storm that killed 408 people in the Florida Keys in 1935.

Forecasters at the U.S. national

hurricane centre in Miami said Allen, already the second strongest Atlantic hurricane on record, could surpass the 1935 storm as it absorbs more warm water crossing the Gulf in the next few days.

Allen's pressure fell to 899 millibars on Thursday, surpassing the 909-millibar reading of the second most intense storm on record, hurricane Camille, which devastated the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf coasts in 1969 with winds of 289-320 kph.

All three hurricanes were category 5 storms on the hurricane centre's 1-5 scale of storm strength.

After the 1935 Florida Keys hurricane and Camille, here are the most intense Atlantic storms to strike the United States:

— 1919, unnamed, Florida Keys and south Texas, 927 millibars, 600-900 deaths.

— 1928, unnamed, Lake Okeechobee, Florida, 929

millibars, 1,836 deaths.

— 1960, Donna, 930 millibars, 50 deaths.

— 1900, unnamed, Galveston, Texas, 931 millibars, 6,000 deaths.

— 1909, unnamed, Grand Isle, La., 931 millibars, 350 deaths.

But the strongest of these monstrous ocean storms aren't always the biggest killer, depending on how much warning residents have and what precautions they take, forecasters say.

The deadliest U.S. hurricane from the Atlantic, the Caribbean and the Gulf was the 1900 Galveston storm when 6,000 drowned in high tides.

The hurricane centre, a U.S. government agency, doesn't keep detailed records of Atlantic storms that don't strike the United States. But hurricane Fifi killed about 8,000 people in Honduras in 1974 and hurricane Flora took 5,000 lives in Haiti and another 1,000 in Cuba in 1963.